

Facts About COLON CANCER SCREENING



COLON CANCER IS THE

2nd leading cause of cancer deaths among U.S. adults

Each year in upstate New York

2,300 PEOPLE

ARE DIAGNOSED WITH COLON CANCER



49%
Women



51%
Men



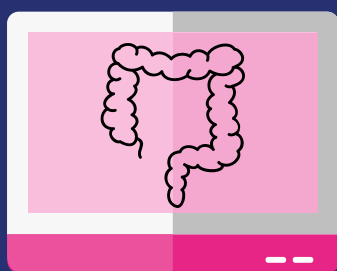
800 DEATHS
in upstate N.Y.
caused by
colon cancer

1 in 20 PEOPLE

develops colon cancer in his/her lifetime

COLON CANCER

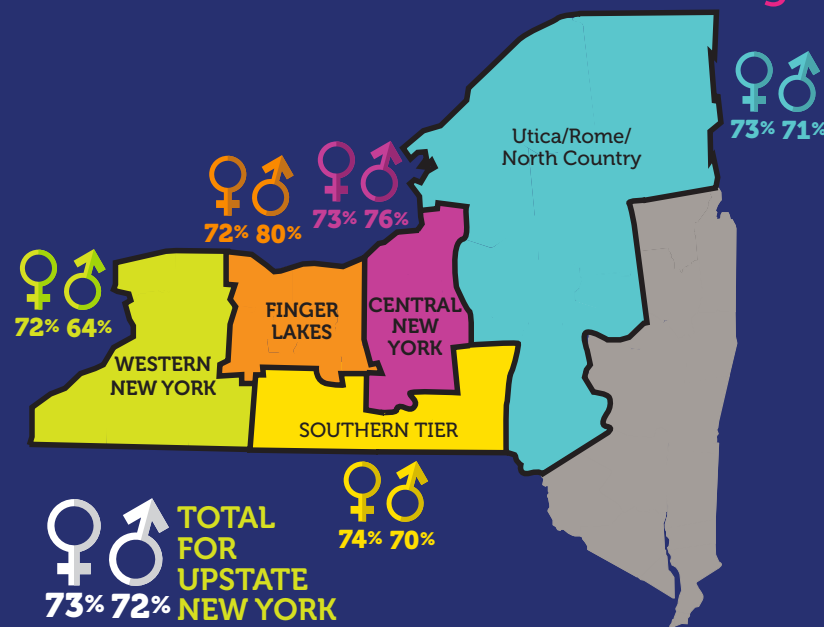
can often be PREVENTED through REGULAR SCREENINGS



Screening is **RECOMMENDED FOR adults ages 50-75**

IF you have risk factors (inflammatory bowel disease, family history of colon cancer, history of polyps) **YOU MAY NEED TO BE SCREENED EARLIER**

72% of upstate New York adults ages 50-75 receive recommended screenings



COLONOSCOPY IS THE **MOST THOROUGH TEST** AND IS PROVEN TO DETECT DISEASE

Colonoscopy is recommended every

10 YEARS IF NO POLYPS ARE FOUND

Several other screening tests may be recommended or available to you



ASK YOUR DOCTOR

Screening tests are COVERED HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS



Get screened. It could save **YOUR LIFE.**

To learn more about screening and which test may be best for you, visit the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force website at <http://tinyurl.com/USPSTFcc>

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